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SUBJECT: FBI DISASTER SQUAD AT DENPASAR, BALI

FBI SQUAD, HEADED BY MR. EUGENE WHITWAM, ARRIVED DENPASAR AT 1600, APRIL 26. ALTHOUGH TEAM READY FOR IMMEDIATE OPERATIONS, CONOFFS COULD

GET LOCAL CLEARANCE FOR TEAM TO ENTER TEMPORARY MORGUE ONLY LATE ON APRIL 27. THEY BEGAN OPERATIONS EARLY APRIL 28 AND BY END OF DAY HAD EXAMINED ALL REMAINS BROUGHT FROM CRASH SITE TO DENPASAR (10 BODY BAGS CONTAINING PARTS OF AN ESTIMATED 24 TO 38 PERSONS). THE TEAM SECURED FINGER PRINTS FROM 16 PERSONS, THERE WERE NO MATCHES WITH

RECORDS ON HAND. ON AFTERNOON OF SAME DAY, GOI, THROUGH AIR MARSHALL INDARTO, CHIEF OF SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION, ANNOUNCED TERMINATION OF FURTHER EFFORTS TO TRANSPORT REMAINS TO DENPASAR (CONSEQUENTLY ENDING IDENTIFICATION EFFORTS) DUE TO QUOTE HEALTH HAZZARDS UNQUOTE. ON MORNING OF APRIL 29, INDARTO FORMALLY RELAYED THIS TO MR. WHITWAM. TEAM DEPARTED BALI MAY 1.

THROUGHOUT THIS OPERATION, FBI TEAM PERFORMANCE, IN JUDGEMENT OF CONOFFS PRESENT, WAS SUPERIOR IN ALL ASPECTS IN A SOMETIMES TENSE, COMPLEX SITUATION. ANY DOUBTS AS TO THEIR MISSION BY THOSE GOI AUTHORITIES IN CONTACT WITH THEM WERE QUICKLY DISPELLED. RANDOLPH

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